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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2000, for three months from December 1, 2000 to March 1, 2001. A response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$890.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

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